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P&G Case 8311

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

Robert J. Isfort et al.

Serial No. 09/694,519

Art Unit: 1637

Customer No. 27752

Examiner Teresa E. Strzelecka

Confirmation No. 9641

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For: Methods for Identifying Compounds for Regulating Muscle Mass or Function Using Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide Receptors

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2002, which provides a shortened statutory period for reply of three months thereafter, said response being extended by two (2) months, please charge any necessary fees to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 16-2480, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The present invention relates to the use of VPAC receptors to identify candidate compounds that are potentially useful in the treatment of skeletal muscle atrophy and/or useful to induce skeletal muscle hypertrophy.

Claims 15, 16, 17, and 27 are pending in the application and are rejected by the examiner in the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002.